2007, aimed at rehabilitation of remaining manual scavengers and their dependents in a time bound manner, by March, 2009. In view of the substantial number of beneficiaries remained to be rehabilitated as on 31.3.2009, the target of rehabilitation of the work has been extended upto 31st March, 2010.

(b) The implementing agencies have been requested by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to prepare a detailed database of all the beneficiaries under the scheme.

(c) Assistance to beneficiaries for their rehabilitation under the Scheme, include mainly three components:-

(i) Training:- Scheme covers cost of training to beneficiaries for a period upto one year. Trainees are also provided stipend @ Rs.1000 per month during the entire period of training.

(ii) Capital Subsidy:- 50% capital subsidy is provided for projects upto Rs.25,000, For projects above 25,000, capital subsidy @ 25% is provided subject to minimum of Rs. 12,500 and maximum of Rs.20,000.

(iii) Interest Subsidy:- Interest Subsidy is provided to meet the difference between the rate of interest charged by the Bank and the rates of interest under the scheme (4% to 6% per annum) to reduce the interest liability of beneficiaries.

Increase in population in cities

†1585. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that population has increased rapidly in cities in the country during recent years but the fundamental and infrastructural facilities have not developed proportionately;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the schemes undertaken to provide basic facilities to slum dwellers of the cities especially in metropolitan cities of the country have been successful and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of Slums Act, 2001 and whether there is any need to make amendments in it and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. As per the Census of India data, the trend in urban population in the country is as under:

Year	Population
1981	159.72 million
1991	217.63 million
2001	286.15 million

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Infrastructure facilities in cities and towns have not kept pace with the increase in the urban population.

(c) The Government has launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) with effect from December 3, 2005 to address the issues of provision of housing and civic amenities to urban poor/slum dwellers, in addition to city-wide infrastructure facilities. The Mission includes all metropolitan cities. The Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) programme under JNNURM addresses housing and civic amenities in 65 Mission cities. Similar problems of Non-Mission cities are addressed through the scheme of Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). The Mission period is 2005-2012. Achievements made so far under JNNURM (BSUP & IHSDP) are:

Number of Projects Approved	1304
Number of Houses for the Poor Approved	14.59 Lakh
Number of Houses Completed	1.80 Lakh
Number of Houses in Progress	4.38 Lakh
Total Project Cost Approved	Rs.33860 Crore
Additional Central Assistance Committed	Rs.18141 Crore
Additional Central Assistance Released	Rs.7204.7 Crore

(d) Urban development and land being State subjects, slum development falls within the purview of the State Governments. Slum Acts are enacted by the States and as and when a need arises, amendments to these Acts are carried out by them suiting their local needs.

Steep rise in prices of building material in the capital

†1586. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices .of building material, especially in Capital have risen steeply;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would be able to help common man to achieve their dreams of having their houses built in metropolitan cities including the capital?

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